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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GOODLATTE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 18, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable BOB GOODLATTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, You have made the heavens and the Earth and given to Your people the miracles of life. Now it is our prayer that we will use the gifts You have freely given by translating our good words and noble intent into actions that promote justice and respect one for another. We admit that it is easy to talk about Your blessings and yet we can neglect to see those blessings in another's work. Open our eyes to see the truth as best we can, open our ears to truly hear, and open our hands in the spirit of shared commitment and mutual concern. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that 1-minute will be entertained at a later time.

WAIVING PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE 4(b), RULE XI, AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 276 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on or before the legislative day of November 23, 1995, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures:

(1) The bill (H.R. 2491) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

(2) Any bill making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILEN-SON], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 276 waives clause 4(b) of rule XI, which requires a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee, against the same-day consideration of resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, on or before the legislative day of November 23, 1995.

This resolution covers special rules that provide for the consideration or disposition of the bill, H.R. 2491, providing for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996, any amendment, any conference report, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference report thereon; and, to the consideration or disposition of any measure making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

Mr. Speaker, as mentioned when the House first considered the two-thirds waiver for the continuing appropriations resolution which the House passed on Thursday, November 16, House Resolution 276 is an expedited procedure to facilitate the same-day consideration of urgent legislative matters. Facilitating the passage of appropriations bills, and adopting a balance budget plan that will eliminate the Federal deficit in 7 years, are clearly urgent fiscal, legislative matters. The sooner we can pass the individual spending bills, the sooner Federal employees can be assured of a paycheck.

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